

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 4-8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in the figure, the drum dryer comprises a vacuum chamber ~~47~~ 15, in which a stationary drum 1 and a slide drum 1' are arranged in parallel to each other. Also, shafts ~~48~~ 16 are supported above the drums 1, 1', and scraper knives (scraping blades) 2 are mounted to the shafts ~~48~~ 16.

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 9-19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Guide plates 3 are supported through brackets on the shafts ~~48~~ 16. Paddle conveyors A4 are fixed vertically below distal ends of the guide plates 3 to be in parallel to the drum shafts, and a paddle conveyor B5 is fixed below distal ends of the paddle conveyors in a running direction thereof to be perpendicular to the drum shafts. Further, a double damper receiver 8 is installed below both distal ends of the paddle conveyor B5 to comprise butterfly valves A6 and butterfly valves B7, which are arranged vertically. The double damper receiver 8 has a conical shape and agitators 9 ~~is~~ are mounted therein from above for forcedly discharging a dry substance in the receiver.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 20, through page 3, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

When a processing of drying a liquid stock is performed in the drum dryer, an interior of the chamber ~~47~~ 15 is first held in a vacuum state by a vacuum mechanism (not shown), and then the drums 1, 1' are heated and rotated. Subsequently, a liquid stock is supplied to a liquid concentration section 11 between the double drums from a stock supply mechanism

(feed nozzle) 10, and a liquid stock is caused to temporarily stay and concentrate. And the liquid stock is passed through a minimum clearance between the double drums to adhere to surfaces of the drums, and dried by heat from the drums, and a resulted dry substance is scraped off by the scraper knives 2.

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 6-15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

At this time, there occurs a phenomenon that the liquid stock staying in the liquid concentration section 11 between the double drums according to liquid properties to splash and scatter a liquid, thus causing troubles, in which the liquid stock adheres to wall surfaces of the chamber ~~17~~ 15 to lead to a decrease in yield, an attached substance grows to become large lumps, thus falling not only to constitute a hindrance, such as an obstacle to rotation of the drums, scarring of drum surfaces, or the like, to operation but also to mix in a product to cause degradation in quality of powder product.

Please cancel the Abstract at page 14, lines 1-10, in its entirety, and replace with the following substitute Abstract as follows: